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IN ADDITION TO DISCUSSIONS ON GENERAL ECONOMIC AND TRADE
RELATIONS, THE GAO TEAM WISHES TO FOCUS ON THE FOLLOWING
VISIT OBJECTIVES:

1. UNDER SECTION 280 OF THE TRADE ACT OF 1974, THE GAO
IS UNDERTAKING A REVIEW IN SEVERAL COUNTRIES OF THEIR
ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FOR USE IN ITS REPORT
TO THE CONGRESS, WHICH IS DUE 1980, ON HOW EFFECTIVELY THE
PROGRAMS ARE HELPING WORKERS, FIRMS AND COMMUNITIES. THE
GAO TEAM WANTS TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ON HOW THE JAPANESE
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GOVERNMENT IS HANDLING THE FOLLOWING MATTERS:

A) THE GOVERNMENT'S BASIC APPROACH TO ASSISTING FIRMS AND
WORKERS ADJUST TO CHANGES IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE;

B) PROCEDURES USED FOR SELECTING SPECIFIC FIRMS AND
INDIVIDUALS TO RECEIVE ASSISTANCE;

C) TYPES AND AMOUNTS OF ASSISTANCE PROVIDED AND THE

REQUIREMENTS PLACED ON FIRMS AND INDIVIDUALS WHO RECEIVE ASSISTANCE;

D) EFFECTIVENESS OF ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS IN TERMS OF IMPACT ON AFFECTED INDUSTRIES AND THE ECONOMY OF THE COUNTRY IN GENERAL.

2. INFORMATION ON THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE OUTSTANDING CIVIL AIR ISSUES BETWEEN THE U.S. AND JAPAN LISTED BELOW:

I. JAPANESE INTENT AND TIMING ON NEW BILATERAL AIR AGREEMENT.

--A) IS THERE A NEED TO MAKE CONCESSIONS ON CAPACITY AND MARKET SHARES IN RESPONSE TO JAPANESE DEMANDS? WHAT IS EMBASSY'S ASSESSMENT OF THE BALANCE OF BENEFITS UNDER THE CURRENT AGREEMENT?

--B) WHAT EFFECTS WILL THE CURRENT BRITISH NEGOTIATIONS HAVE ON THE JAPANESE TALKS?

II. JAPANESE VIOLATIONS OF CURRENT AGREEMENT.

--A) STATUS OF CONTINENTAL'S LANDING RIGHTS ON ITS SAIPAN ROUTE?

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--B) WHAT IS THE JAPANESE LEGAL POSITION REGARDING THE CURRENT EFFECTIVE FREEZE ON CHARTER FLIGHTS BY U.S. SUPPLEMENTALS? ARE THEY IN VIOLATION, OR DOES THE 1953 NOTE ON CHARTER RIGHTS GIVE THEM AUTHORITY TO DISCRIMINATE? CAN ANYTHING BE DONE ABOUT THIS SITUATION OUTSIDE OF NEW BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS?

III. JAPANESE "SLOTING" AT HANEDA

--A) ARE THE JAPANESE USING "SLOTING" PRACTICES AT HANEDA TO GAIN AN UNFAIR ADVANTAGE FOR JAL, PARTICULARLY IN THE CHARTER AREA? IF SO, WOULD THIS VIOLATE THE RECIPROCITY UNDER THE ATA, OR THE FAIR COMPETITIVE PRACTICES ACT?

--B) WHEN WILL THE NEW AIRPORT AT NARITA OPEN? WILL ALL INTERNATIONAL TRAFFIC THEN MOVE TO NARITA? WILL "SLOTING" STILL BE PRACTICED THERE?

--C) WHY WERE U.S. SUPPLEMENTALS REFUSED TECHNICAL STOPS
AT CHITOSE AND MISAWA BY THE JAPANESE AUTHORITIES?

IV. JAPANESE USER CHARGES

--A) WHAT ATTEMPTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO REMOVE THE
UNRECIPROCAL JAPANESE "NOISE TAX"? HAS ANY ACTION BEEN
TAKEN UNDER THE FAIR COMPETITIVE PRACTICES ACT? IF NOT,
WHY?

3. EMBASSY'S ASSISTANCE IN MAKING VISIT AS PRODUCTIVE AS
POSSIBLE IS MUCH APPRECIATED.
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